



## My funny valentine



Christine Diaz, left, and Liz Klotz, members of Patricia Korman's sixth grade class at St. Patrick's School, make valentines on Monday to give to seniors at the John XXIII Senior Center on East San Fernando Street.

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## Task force, budget cuts to fuel talk

BY KEVIN TURNER  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

SJSU President J. Handel Evans will hold a "town meeting" Monday from noon to 1 p.m. in Morris Dailey Auditorium to discuss the impending cuts in the university's budget.

In January, Gov. Pete Wilson presented his budget for 1993-94, in which the California State University system is slated to take a 4.5-percent budget cut.

The forum will allow students, faculty and staff to discuss concerns regarding the future of SJSU. Evans encourages feedback from different student organizations on campus.

Evans, in his State of the University report, will talk about issues such as budget implications for the 1993-94 school year.

The president is also expected to discuss the Strategic Planning Task Force, which was set up last year to work out budget cuts facing the university.

The task force, com-

posed of 24 faculty, students, staff and administrators, including Evans and the three vice-presidents, is currently developing a "shared vision" for SJSU.

The vision includes a framework to discuss topics such as the budget. The purpose of the task force is to prioritize these plans, and for every member of the task force to agree upon those issues, according to "On Campus," an SJSU administration newsletter.

Various students around campus have voiced their opinions on subjects such as the possibility of a student fee increase.

"Why would they want to raise the fees again? Many of the students depend on financial aid," asked Anthony Chung, a management major.

Jenina Gibson, a music major, was also concerned about financial aid.

"If the student fees do

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## Tay-Sachs screening: early warning

BY MINERVA PANLILIO  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

When his son Joel was diagnosed with Tay-Sachs disease, Dr. Harold Rosenberg was devastated and shocked.

At medical school, professors had briefly covered the disease, he said. But Rosenberg, a Mountain View plastic surgeon, never thought it could happen to his family.

It turned out that both he and his wife were carriers of the hereditary Tay-Sachs trait. If both parents carry it, chances are one in four pregnancies will result in a child with the disease.

Now more than 15 years after Joel's death, Rosenberg still encourages everyone to be tested for the deadly gene.

Although there is no cure for Tay-Sachs, genetic counseling for identified carriers can help them have children free of the disease, said Oscar Battle, a health educator at Student Health Services.

People must be tested to determine whether they carry the gene.

Free testing will be available in the Student Union Guadalupe Room from 9 a.m.

to 1 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and in the Joe West Hall Formal Lounge from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

An approximately five-minute-long blood test will be taken to determine whether participants carry the hereditary disorder. The results will come back in two weeks, Battle said.

*'There's nothing to be discouraged about if you find out you're a carrier.'*

Dr. Harold Rosenberg  
Physician

Battle started organizing free testing in October of last year. According to Battle, this is the first Tay-Sachs screening at SJSU in three years.

"It used to be every two years," Battle said of the screening that began at SJSU about 10 years ago, "but because of the state budget our funds became

limited. The (Northern California Tay-Sachs Disease Prevention Program) was willing to help us offer this free service."

Battle said he got them to sponsor by explaining that there are diverse ethnic groups at SJSU and not many programs have been done for the Jewish population here.

Anyone can carry the gene for Tay-Sachs disease. However, according to Battle, the risk is greater in the Jewish population. In the general population, one in 150 persons is believed to be a carrier. In the Jewish population one in 30 is believed to carry the gene and Rosenberg is one of them.

"Screening allows you to know if you are a carrier," Rosenberg said. "There's a huge advantage not having to go through the unknown."

The Rosenbergs and their three-year-old daughter suffered through it all with Joel. At first, they noticed that Joel wasn't holding up his head like normal children at three months. Then he didn't learn how to crawl.

"We noticed that he was

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## Boxer exhorts San Jose: 'This is your city hall'



Sen. Barbara Boxer

TRACY BLAKELY  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Citizens took the helm of government Wednesday during Sen. Barbara Boxer's visit to the San Jose City Council chambers for a town hall meeting.

In the fourth of five such meetings taking place in the state, Boxer encouraged the audience to make suggestions and give advice to make their lives better.

"I wanted to try and touch a chord with the people and let you know how important you are in making a difference in this country," Boxer said in her opening address. She also invited a handful of people standing in the back to take seats in the council members' chairs. "This is your city hall."

After suggesting gridlock was over in Washington, Boxer went to the people for solutions.

"These town meetings bring differences together, ending hatred, division and fear," she said. "We have to understand that no two people agree on

every issue."

Homelessness, health care, education and the nation's injured economy were foremost in the minds of many.

Bill Bine stood and spoke to the senator as a representative of the homeless.

"I urge you to find jobs and houses for everyone. Pump as much money as you can into this problem. Cut the red tape, but with this exclusion: any community getting new HUD money cannot exclude low income housing — no NIMBY-ism," Bine said.

Boxer's reply illustrated a plan for 49,000 unused housing units to be utilized as soon as possible.

"It's just sinful that these units are out there not being used. Potentially, 200,000 people could be helped by this and almost 50 percent of homeless are veterans. We send people off, maybe to die and then neglect their needs," Boxer said.

Other homeless advocates displayed concerns.

Winfred Haylett, a representative from Voice Of The Homeless said, "Many families are one paycheck away from being homeless. This nation is too advanced to let people go hungry, cold, homeless."

The juxtaposition of massive military spending compared to the homeless problem led the senator to say, "Over the last decade we've seen tremendous neglect of domestic concern. There's no easy solution because the state and city are broke, so we have to reorder our priorities with the money we have. Our friends in Europe and Asia need

to start paying for their own military.

"The cold war is over, it's a new day and America should be an equal partner. We need to stop picking up the bill for countries who in many cases are doing much better than us."

Alicia Hernandez-Sanchez began the conversation on health care. A leukemia survivor, Hernandez-Sanchez expressed her worries about having a relapse and not being covered under the new government plan.

"I've already taken \$500,000 to cure myself," she said. "What if I have another relapse?"

The new plan is being drawn up so those with catastrophic illness will have a larger pool of money to pull from instead of small individual insurance companies.

"It's so expensive for you because 1,500 companies have small pools to draw from. The smaller the pool, the higher the premium. We're concerned with having the largest pool where everyone has access and everyone is covered," Boxer said.

Don McGaffin, a military veteran, reiterated the need for an end to discrimination toward gays in America.

"It's a living lie to continue the ban," Boxer said. "Everyone knows since the beginning of time that gays have served, and have been serving with distinction, honor and patriotism."

The crowd cheered with applause.

The night ended on an awkward note when Yvonne Blinckes said, "I'm a minority here, I'm a

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## Basketball to benefit children, disabled, athletics

BY TORREY WEBB  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

The Simpson/Silvia Memorial Classic, an annual basketball game played between members of the San Jose Police Department and the media, will begin tonight at seven in the SJSU Event Center.

The annual showdown, named for two officers killed on Fifth and Santa Clara streets a few years ago, pits the two groups against one another as a fund raiser for local charities.

Before the game there will be a ceremony recognizing the

organizations to which the proceeds will be given, which include Special Olympics, Child Quest, YMCA, Project Crackdown and SJSU sports.

So far, radio personalities Kelly and Cline (HOT 97.7 FM) and Rigo Chicon are confirmed participants, according to Jim Tomaino, president of the Amateur Athletic Foundation, which has organized the event. Ex-49er Keena Turner may also be participating, he said.

"The game seems to be gaining popularity because it had to be moved from the San Jose

Civic Center to the Event Center for more room," Tomaino said. "When we first started, we initially asked the participants (to play), and after playing the first game, they were asking to return for the next year — now they contact us."

Tomaino, who will not be playing, was reluctant to choose a likely victor.

"The last three years, we have won," he said. "This year I would like to see the media win. I'll be pulling for them."



## EDITORIAL

## Euthanasia best left to individual and doctor

*The decision to end a life of suffering should be left to those who must live with the pain.*

The choice of whether euthanasia is an acceptable alternative should be left to the family or individual, with strict rules laid down by the government.

The Webster's Dictionary defines euthanasia as "the act or practice of painlessly putting to death a person suffering from incurable condition or disease." This definition is a simple one, but defining whether it is humane or moral is difficult.

The Netherlands is the first western nation to allow the practice of euthanasia. They allow this practice under strict government guidelines.

People have the right to end their life if they feel that the quality has diminished. The worst thing a doctor can do is to force life on a patient pleading to die. Fortunately, medical advances have grown to the point where life can be prolonged.

Unfortunately, mercy killings or euthanasia is a necessity because we

now have the technology to prolong that life to the point of brutality.

The guidelines put down by the Dutch include the patient asking to die over a period of time. The doctor must follow certain rules or face the risk of prosecution. If euthanasia is allowed in the U.S., guidelines should be implemented.

A person who is suffering from a terminal disease has a right to end his life when the suffering becomes unbearable.

The Dutch have free socialized medicine so profits don't play into medical decisions.

The U.S. government should move to deproftize the practice by having the patient decide in advance what his wishes are so if he chose to have every means available used to save him, then it will happen.

The decision is out of the doctor's hands and into patients'.

Before the decision to use euthanasia is made, the patient must be told of all available options and the possibility for recovery. The physician, family and patient should be able to make the decision they feel is best.



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## Love in the loneliness lane of Valentine's Day

With the dreaded Valentine's Day approaching rapidly, those without a significant other contemplate their solitude.

Surely your plight is no fault of your own. You ask people out, get rejected and embark on a week-long sermon as to why you were cast aside without so much as a courteous "drop dead."

The problem is not your shortcomings concerning appearance or social mannerisms that doom you to lonely weekend nights.

It stems from your ignorance when dealing with the opposite gender. You need to listen more closely. After all, you over-analyze too much.

Picture, if you will, a dance club. The whole place is pulsating with the deafening techno-industrial-ska-funk-reggae music.

Through the sick haze of smoke, you see her. You throw caution to the wind and approach.

Over and over, you rehearse your lines as you traverse the floor. Combatting the over-

whelming din, you scream into her ear.

She laughs hysterically (at you, not with you) and strides away with a toss of her overly color-treated hair.

You are determined to discover the intricacies of the female rejection process.

Another club on another Friday, you try again.

"No thanks," she says through a courteous smile. This translates into: "Get lost, jerk."

At this point, you should really walk away. Be advised: If your friends are present, you could very possibly relive the experience several more times the following week.

Desperation hits as the February 14th date looms over.

"I'm busy Friday night. How about some other time?" she replies with a more genuine smile.

Unfortunately, she sees you slap your buddy a high-five as you both let out a boisterous and triumphant, "Yes! Oh, yes!" She thinks it was some sort of bet and dumps a banana daiquiri down the front of your pants.

Lowering your head in shame, you contemplate the growing wetness in your shorts and watch the last bits of ice trickle off your shoes.

Convinced the last experience was not really your fault (again, laughing at you, not with you) you try one final time.

"I have other plans, but how about this Wednesday?"

Barely able to contain your excitement, you frantically scribble her number down.

"She said yes, on a weekend night no less!" you shout to no one in particular.

Not so fast, Don Juan.

You need to take a closer look at her response. Translated, it means, "you seem rather nice, but I need time to confer with my friends as to whether I should accept your invitation."

Sometime during the following few days, a meeting will be held about you. The meetings take place in dorm rooms, bathrooms or late-night coffee shops.

She will present the complete story to the rest of the group.

Questions will be asked.



Paul Wotel

## Writer's Forum

"What does he look like?"

"Where is he taking you?"

The phone rings, but following the advice of your friends, you let it ring a few times. This is an attempt not to look overly anxious, but your quivering voice and manner, so polite as to make Fred Rogers sick, gives you away.

She has accepted the invitation and the date has been set. As you hang up, terror strikes. What comes next?

Maybe it is time to stop talking to my mirror and buy some new clothes.

Paul Wotel is a Daily staff writer.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Shipping disputes quality and quotes

Editor,  
After reading Laura Kleinman's article in the Feb. 10 issue of the Spartan Daily, I understand with greater clarity why professional athletes and other celebrities distrust the media.

In her story, Ms. Kleinman quotes an employee of the Receiving department who said, "The state just takes the low bid and winds up with a lot of garbage." Kleinman, in her effort to add sensationalism to her story, took the original quote of the employee, deleted a few important words and left the rest to make it appear to the uninformed that the "low bid" process means everything we buy is inferior.

What Mr. Rhodes was referring to in his statement was copy paper. White paper is bought by the University in huge quantities from the vendor which offers the lowest price for an acceptable quality. Depending on the brand of paper bought, a few of the departments may have minor difficulty using the product in their machines. The next time we buy paper the departments that had problems before may not have them, but a few other departments may experience an inconvenience. Generally, the vast majority of departments

are able to use the paper products that Purchasing provides. By not mentioning the discussion was only about copy paper Ms. Kleinman made it appear that all the University can procure through the low bid process is "garbage."

I have read the article at least ten times and I still can't understand the point that Ms. Kleinman and her source attempt. First, it is insinuated that purchasing is wasting money by not getting price quotes and not buying from the lowest bidder. Then in the same story purchasing is condemned for getting sub-standard material from the lowest bidder. These two complaints seem to be a contradiction.

As a final thought, I would like to say that I have worked with Jim Hill for over ten years. In that time I have found him nothing short of professional, frugal when it comes to San Jose State dollars, and most of all having the utmost integrity. The same can be said for his buyers and the rest of his staff.

Lyle Fifield  
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The Spartan Daily stands behind the original report. — ed.

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## A survivor's journey through sorority rush

Monday, Jan. 31: I signed up for Sorority Rush today. None of my GDI (Gosh-Darn Independent) friends can believe that I'm actually going to be a rusher, and have been less than supportive. I don't know if I'm going to enjoy it or not. I figure it'll make a hell of a column.

Saturday, Feb. 6: We had rush orientation yesterday. It was spent meeting rush counselors and looking at sorority memorabilia. I arrive at the Student Union at 10 and am introduced to my rush counselor. Twenty minutes are spent going over the rush guidelines — behave, wear your name tags, etc. — and then we split up into three groups to begin the round of parties to each of the six sororities on campus.

Each party today is 20 minutes long, and the time is spent getting to know some of the girls. We are paired off with an active, but during the course of the conversation, at least eight other women from the house come over to introduce themselves. By the end of the first party, my nervousness has ceased; by the end of the third one, I am desperately craving a cigarette, and I won't even discuss the constant facial cramps due to over-smiling. After three hours of small-talk

(never before has so little been said in so many words...), I am totally drained but happy. It was fun.

Sunday, Feb. 7: I arrive at school to see if I have any invitations to the day's parties. I am filled with a perverse glee to find out that, out of six sororities, five have invited me back. I call Bill to share my news and he responds, "Lynn, if I were invited back to five sororities, I would seriously re-evaluate my personality."

How touching

In any case, we are only allowed to attend four parties today, so I cut one of them from my list, get my schedule confirmed, and go home to get ready. Today the parties are 45 minutes long. We are greeted with a song and are led on house tours. Many of the houses serve refreshments — watery lemonade and fruit punch. Today is spent learning about pledge requirements, scholarship and fees (a warning: Rush is no place for the weak of small-talk or the light of wallet). As yesterday, we are sent off with a smile and a song. I walk home exhausted in a torrent of rain.

Monday, Feb. 8: I go to the Student Union after Spanish class to pick up invitations for tonight's parties. I receive three

invitations, but am only allowed to go to two parties, so I cut another choice from my list and continue with my day.

Tonight's parties are 45 minutes, but are much more formal, so I jet out of my class and spend 20 minutes getting ready in Dwight Bentel Hall's ladies restroom. All the actives are dressed nicely in black dresses and pumps. They sing to us and I stand there, not exactly knowing who to look at. After refreshments and conversations, the ladies hold a ceremony, outlining what the sorority stands for. It is really touching, and a few actives wipe tears from their eyes. I am moved.

After saying good-bye, we trudge in the rain to our final party of the rush weekend. There it is more of the same. The active I am paired with is the same one I was paired with on the first day of parties, and she tells me that she has enjoyed meeting me. I feel the same way.

I can't believe I'm saying this, but if I actually had a thousand bucks (or so) to spend and if I actually get a bid from the house of my first choice, I think I'd pledge. Me, a GDI for so many years.

Tuesday, Feb. 9: BID DAY! rush to the Union to see if anyone has chosen me. Surprise, surprise — both sororities want me. I tell my rush coun-



Lynn Benson

## Now That I Have Your Attention...

selor regretfully that I must withdraw from the process due to financial reasons, so she takes back the invitations and I go on my way.

In conclusion: What did I learn from this? I learned while some sororities do fit the "Oh My Gah" stereotype, some sororities are different. Sorority life is not all parties and boys. It's raising money for charities, studying and lots of warm friendships. I am truly glad that I went through the rush process, and would happily return my GDI letters for some that are more substantial.

Men and women of SJSU, I urge you to rush before you graduate. Don't put down what you don't know. I didn't think I'd like it either.

Lynn Benson is a Daily staff columnist. Her column appears every other Friday.



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## Today

**AKBAYAN CLUB:** Social Nite, 7 p.m., Pizza Hut at Tully & King Rd. 534-1140.

**ALPHA PHI SORORITY:** Sorority Rush, 210 S. 10th St., 730-8297.

**ASSOCIATION OF ETHIOPIAN STUDENTS:** General meeting, and election of officers. 3-4:45 p.m., SU, Pacheco Room. 924-8084.

**CALMECA PROJECT:** Valentines dance, scholarship fundraiser, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., San Jose Athletic Club. 279-5143.

**CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT:** Resume II, 1-2:30 p.m., S.U. Costanoan Rm., Career Resource Center 924-6033.

**CHINESE CAMPUS FELLOWSHIP:** Weekly meeting: Creationism Vs. Revolutionism, 2:30-5 p.m., SU Guadalupe Rm., 287-9110.

**DELTA SIGMA PI:** Pizza Night, 7:30 p.m., Round Table Pizza, corner of Saratoga and Moorpark, 988-1656.

**JEWISH STUDENT UNION:** Shabbat Dinner-clothing drive for Soviet immigrants, 7 p.m., private home, 296-4732.

**LATTER DAY SAINTS STUDENT ASSOCIATION:** Valentine Cookie Bake and video viewing, 12:30-1:30 p.m., 66 S. 7th St., 286-3313.

**PI ALPHA PHI:** Rush pizza party, 6-9 p.m., 924-8875.

**PI ALPHA PHI, ASIAN-AMERICAN ORINETED FRATERNITY:** Rush, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., front of SU, 924-8875 or 924-8789.

**SAN JOSE STATE FOLKDANCE CLUB:** International Folkdance

Class, 7:30-9 p.m. (teaching) 9 p.m.-10:30 p.m. (request dancing), Women's Gym, SPX 89; 293-1302, 280-5361, (415)960-1367, 280-5361.

**SJSU ICE HOCKEY:** Shuttle bus for Stanford game, 6 p.m., Event Center, 993-8638.

**SIGMA OMICRON PI & PI ALPHA PHI:** Rush party, 6 p.m., Round Table Pizza 1170 N. Capitol Ave. 294-4806 or 924-8875.

## Saturday

**BETA ALPHA PSI:** Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, noon-4 p.m., BC 309, 924-3492.

**CAMBODIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION:** First Meeting—Pizza Night, 5 p.m., Cambodian Buddhist Temple, 292-7334.

**DELTA SIGMA PHI FRATERNITY:** Toga Party (personal invitations only), 9 p.m., 354 S. 10th St., 947-8043 (RSVP).

## Sunday

**AKBAYAN CLUB:** Cultural Nite Dance Practice, 3:30 p.m., SPX 89, 534-1140.

**CATHOLIC NEWMAN COMMUNITY:** Student masses, 6 p.m. Campus Christian Center Chapel, 10th St. and San Carlos, 8 p.m. St. Joseph Cathedral - Market and San Fernando, 298-0204.

**SIGMA CHI FRATERNITY:** Hypnotist with Kappa Delta, 7 p.m., Sigma Chi House, 294-7967.

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## Police keep eye out for suspect

EL CERRITO (AP) — Police are looking for a 24-year-old ex-convict after finding a clue at the scene of his alleged eye-popping escape.

Detectives found a plastic eyeball marked with the name "A. Harris" at an apartment complex where a 28-year-old man was wounded by two gunmen on Jan. 16.

Aaron Levall Harris, the fake eye's apparent owner, is a suspect, police said.

Det. Shawn Maples said it appears that the plastic prosthesis popped out of the eye socket dur-

ing an escape from the second-story apartment.

San Francisco ophthalmologist William Danz, who manufactured the eye, said his products normally stay in place.

But the jolt from a two-story jump could have jarred Harris' eye loose, he said.

"Not having been there at the scene, I can't be sure. I'd consider it uncommon, but it can happen. Sure," Danz said.

Harris lost his left eye when he was wounded by a shotgun blast in 1988, according to police reports.

## Forum: Plans for future

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increase, then will they increase the amount of financial aid needed to compensate for that increase?" she asked.

"How much does the state want from the middle-class students? It seems like every year we get sucked up for more money," added Maria Greenwood, a music major.

"I'm worried about parking!" said Michael De La Cruz, a business finance major.

"I'm concerned if the university is going to raise the fees for a second graduate degree," said Mulugeta Abtew, who has a degree in systems engineering and is working on his second degree in micropackaging electronics.

## Rain leaves some doubt about state of drought

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Water isn't the only thing coming down in buckets in California. Confusion reigns, too.

For six years, water experts said there was a severe drought. Laws were written. Lives were changed.

Then the rains came. Now, some parts of California have a drought, some don't.

Through Thursday, the normal amount of rainfall for the season, which begins July 1, would be 8.94 inches. Last year, 9.08 inches of rain fell by this time. This year, it's 19.82 inches and rising, said National Weather Service meteorologist Dion Hamilton.

As the rain has mounted, so has doubts about drought. As one newspaper put it: "There is no drought, and the drought will never end."

The state Department of Water Resources says the drought isn't over, even though water deliveries may be increased because snowpack in the Sierra Nevada is 175 percent of normal.

But the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power says the drought is over and is recommending that the City Council revise its emergency water conservation ordinance. This would eliminate a 10 percent water reduction program for 3.5 million customers, said department spokeswoman Debra Sass. A vote is expected before the end of February, she said.

Meanwhile, the laws haven't changed and conservation messages can still be found in restaurants, utility bills and the California psyche.

In Los Angeles, an end to the drought would allow firefighters to resume training with water for the first time in five years.

"When we can't actually flow the water, it changes things for firefighters," said Fire Capt. Steve Ruda.

"It's like typing on a typewriter without a ribbon. You can type all you want, but when you're done you don't know what you've written," he said.

He said there have been no water shortages for fighting real

fires and firefighters have been properly trained. "But knowledge is power. Take away that power and there is a potential for inadequacy."

Meanwhile, Ruda said, "No one has told us yet we are in a position to go back to full drilling."

The water department will recommend that the City Council keep other parts of the ordinance, including restrictions on lawn watering between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.; a ban on hosing off driveways and walkways; a ban on nonrecycling fountains; and a rule that restaurants can't serve water unless its requested.

First-time offenders get a warning, and subsequent offenses carry fines of \$50, \$100 and \$150.

The department can cut off service after a fourth offense, which has only happened once from May 14, 1990, to Dec. 14, 1991.

During those 19 months, the city hired droughtbusters who issued 22,858 citations, Ms. Sass said.

The droughtbusters were rained out by budget problems, and meter readers have taken over enforcement.

Since Dec. 14, 1991, only one fine was issued: a \$50 penalty for a leak that wasn't fixed, Ms. Sass said.

Since April, department customers have held steady at 20 percent reduced water use each month.

"It is part of people's lifestyles now, even without financial motivation," she said.

Angie Echevarria, president of Somma Mattress in Los Angeles, said potential customers weren't as worried about filling new waterbeds as they were about draining their wallets.

"I don't know whether the drought can be tied to sagging business. We'll have to wait, now that we have had a deluge of water, to see if sales increase," he said.

## Tay-Sachs—

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going back in terms of development," Rosenberg said. "It was clear that something was wrong, but we weren't clear on what it was."

After going to numerous physicians, pediatrics at UCLA's Neurology Clinic finally diagnosed his son. Until then, Rosenberg was not aware that he carried the gene.

"There's nothing to be discouraged about if you find out that you're a carrier," he said. "You can have as many normal children as Tay-Sachs children because you have the advantage of knowing ahead of time. You have options open to you. You don't have to go through tragedy like we did."

According to Robert Latta, interim director at Student Health Services, Tay-Sachs

screening is usually very expensive.

"It's a tribute to Oscar for what he's been able to do," Latta says. "He managed to get a group to come in here and offer services."

Representatives from the Northern California Tay-Sachs Disease Prevention Program will be available at the screening sites to provide genetic counseling.

One of Battle's goals for the screening is simply to provide "knowledge and counseling."

"Tay-Sachs is not the only disease that can be detected," Rosenberg said. "Screening is also possible for sickle cell anemia, cystic fibrosis and others."

The screening is being sponsored by SJSU Student Health Services, UCSF Tay-Sachs Disease Prevention Program, Student Health Advisory Committee, the Biology Department, Pre-Med Students' Association, California Nursing Student's Association and the Jewish Student Union/Hillel.

## Boxer

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conservative."

Blindes was upset with Boxer for breaking the ground rules set earlier to respect people's opinions.

"I've seen a lot of conservative-bashing up here tonight, senator, with your bashing Jesse Helms and Bob Dornan," Blindes said.

"I have respect for Jesse, I just

don't agree with him. I don't think I'm going to change his views, and I'd be less than honest to say you would change my view on certain issues. I don't really believe in labels, but we will be attentive to your letters and I want to know your opinion," Boxer said.

Boxer made good on her promise to listen. By 9 p.m., two hours after the meeting started, her press secretary, Rose Katolczynski, had collected a stack of ideas for the senator to take back to Washington.

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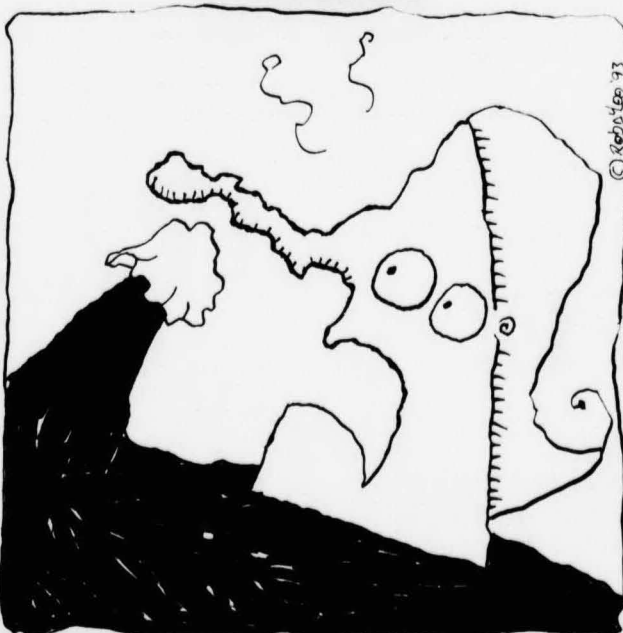
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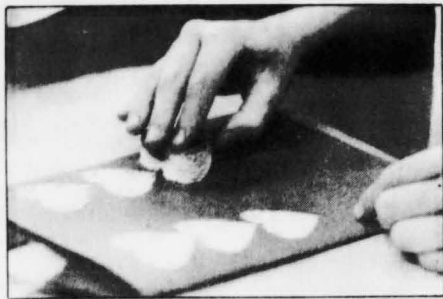
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A student designs a valentine Monday.



Nicole McCabe and her sixth grade classmates run through the rain on their way to the senior center.



Chanel Elliman (front left) and Laura Ortiz sponge paint their cards for the seniors as Angela Jaramillo (back left) and Abigail Ferrer offer their suggestions. Each student created several valentines to deliver to the John XXIII Center on San Fernando Street.

## Visions of valentines dance in their heads...



After giving her a valentine, St. Patrick's student Kevin Tron talks with Dang Nguyen.

Valentine's Day isn't always just flowers and romance. To celebrate the holiday this year, the sixth grade students at St. Patrick's School on Santa Clara Street made cards, sang songs and performed in a short play for members of the Vietnamese Socialization and Support Group.

On every major holiday, the students make gifts for the older adults at the John XXIII Senior Center, located at the corner of Fifth and San Fernando streets.

Although many of the older adults are not fluent in English,

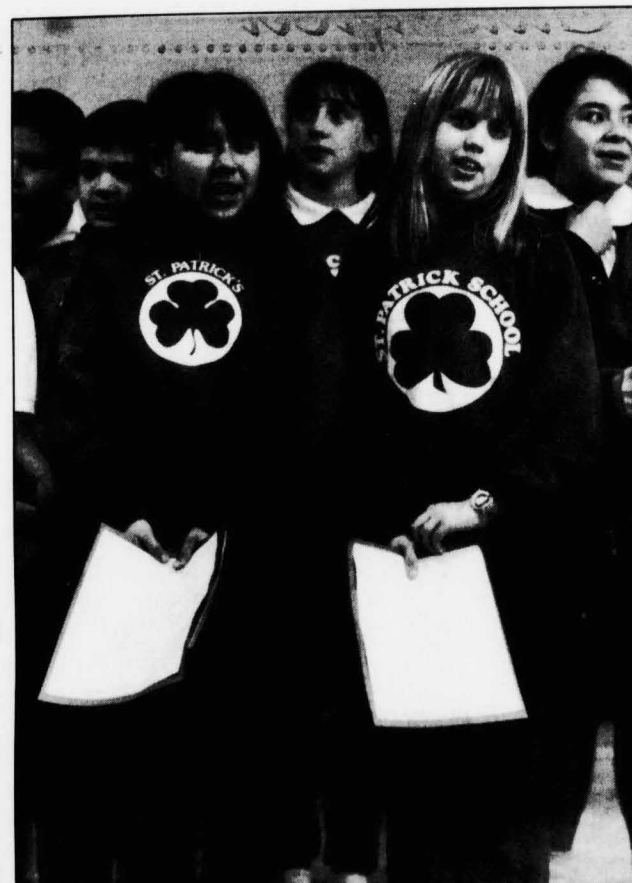
this group of sixth graders expressed their warm wishes.

Patricia Korman, the students' teacher and an SJSU alumna, helped the students use construction paper, paint, glue and sponges to create their individual cards.

The non-denominational center is supported by Catholic Charities and offers classes in nutrition, legal assistance and English as a second language.

Other programs include a Chinese Group, a Life Enrichment Group, Monday bingo and monthly Reno trips.

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Nina Alvarado (left) and Katie Buckles sing "Love One Another" during their Tuesday morning visit. While at the center, the students also performed a play.

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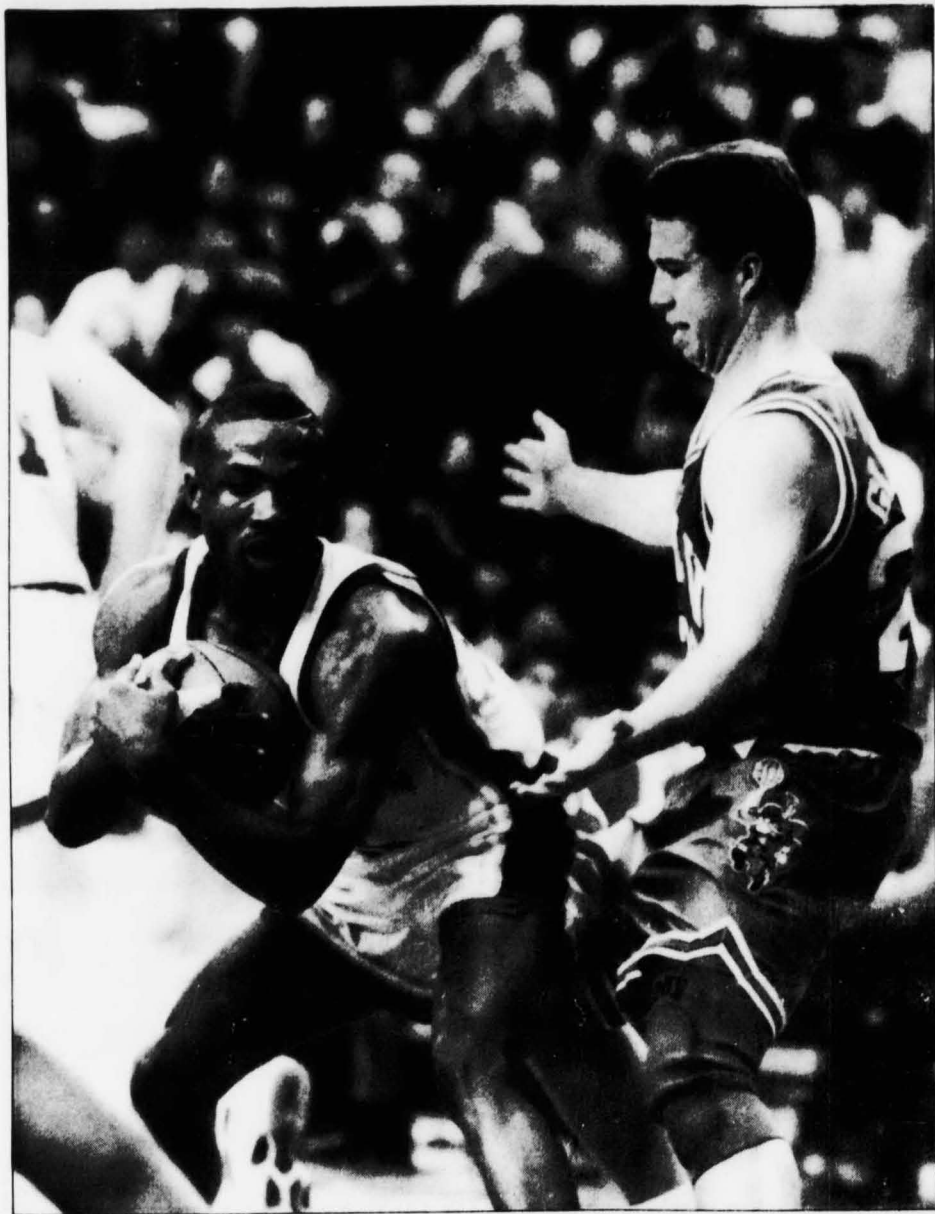
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JENIFER LAPOLLA — SPARTAN DAILY

SJSU guard Lossie Mitchell defends against UNLV guard Ken Gibson during the first half of the game. Mitchell had three steals during the Spartans' 80-74 loss to the UNLV Runnin' Rebels.

## Rider steals show as Spartans fall in emotional defeat

BY ERIK HOVE  
Spartan DailySports Editor

The San Jose State basketball team gained a little respect last night.

They went in against the 12th ranked team in the nation and showed them that they were a team to contend with. But in the end it was a former Bay Area high school star that did the Spartans in against UNLV 80-74.

J.R. Rider, of Oakland, single-handedly stole the show and dashed the hopes of the Spartans with a second half run that showed why Rider will be playing in the NBA next year. Rider finished the game with 37 points.

The Spartans had a chance until the end after forward Kevin Logan buried a three-pointer from the deep left side and Javier Zavala buried two free throws on the next play to pull to within 76-74 with :57 left on the clock.

But, time ran out on SJSU and they were forced to foul to try and get possession.

The game was actually lost when Rider took control. SJSU was able to take a 10-point lead into halftime and actually came out in the second half holding their own.

Rider went to work with about 15 minutes left in the game. The Spartans led 48-39 when Rider hit a jumper, buried two free-throws and hit a three-pointer to bring his Runnin' Rebels to within eight at 52-44.

The Spartans only managed a tip-in by center Daryl Scott as the Rebels got two more buckets including a monster slam by Rider to close to three with 11:31 left in the game.

After another UNLV bucket, coach Stan Morrison called a timeout and it seemed to calm his players but Rider continued his dominance after his break.

Rider scored seven more

points to tie the score at 63 with 7:29 left in the game. SJSU started to let the game slip from its grasp.

The Spartans offense went dormant for almost four minutes as careless passes and bad shots gave the Rebels the window they needed to take the game back.

Scott hit a layup and a 10-foot jumper to end the drought but the Rebs led 73-67 with 3:06 left and for good.

After starting off slow, with an 8-2 deficit with 17 minutes left in the first half.

But the Spartans got a boost from a hot Scott as he scored eight of their next 11 points to pull up 13-10 with 13:00 left in the first half. Scott was high scorer for the Spartans with 18 points, Logan was second with 15.

SJSU continued to play smart, deliberate ball to move up 15-12 after two layups by forward Andrew Gardiner to go up 19-15 with 10:04 left.

After Gardiner's layup the Spartans went on a 8-0 run started off by a Les Shepherd steal. SJSU got two free points after UNLV coach Rollie Massimino went ballistic on the referees earning a technical foul. Jason Allen buried both free throws and added another 15-foot jumper to help the Spartans cause. The run was capped by two free throws from Kevin Logan to make the score 27-15 with 7:19 still remaining in the first half.

After the Rebels' Rider hit a three-pointer, the Spartans added three more to reach their biggest lead of the first half at 31-18 with just over five minutes left.

UNLV stayed in the game, not by the celebrated play of Rider, but the trey shooting of the entire team. The Rebels hit four bombs from three-point land in the first half including two from Rider.

## Top star takes it to SJSU when it counted

BY HECTOR FLORES  
Spartan Daily Staff Writer

Big time college basketball came to San Jose State last night in the form of UNLV, and the Spartans took the challenge head on.

The only problem was, so did Oakland native J.R. Rider, as he punished the Spartans with 37

points. It appeared a major upset was in the making when the Spartans assumed a 13 point lead early in the first half, but Rider was determined not to let it happen as he helped the Rebels to a 25-9 run and an eventual 80-74 victory.

SJSU coach Stan Morrison summed Rider up after the game.

"J.R. Rider may be the finest competitor with skill that I've ever coached against," Morrison said.

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